

capable of coupling with a carbohydrate residue.

Alcohol

--35. (New) A carbohydrate derivative according to Claim 31, in which derivative at least a part of the carbaldehyde groups has been converted to a group with the formula $-\text{CH}(\text{OR}^3)-\text{O}-\text{CH}_2-\text{COOR}^2$ or $-\text{CH}(-\text{O}-\text{CH}_2-\text{COOR}^2)_2$, in which R^2 is hydrogen, a metal cation or an optionally substituted ammonium group, and R^3 is hydrogen or a direct bond to the oxygen atom of a dehydrogenated hydroxyl group of the carbohydrate.

--36. (New) A carbohydrate according to Claim 31, further containing carboxyl and/or carboxymethyl groups.--

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The above changes in the claims merely place this national stage application in substantially the same condition as it was during Chapter II of the international stage, with the multiple dependencies being removed.

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